

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2004, in the above-identified application, the applicants elect the species wherein the silica dispersion agent is dodecyl benzene sulfonic acid, with traverse. Since there are structural relationships between various silica dispersion agents, it would not present an undue burden on the Examiner to examine classes of silica dispersion agents together.

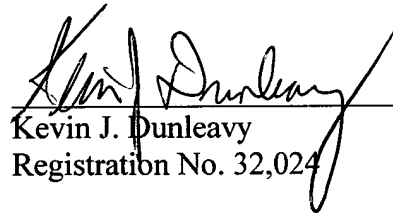
Claims 1-20 read on the elected species. Claims 5 and 17 are directed specifically to the elected species. Claims 1-4, 6-16 and 18-20 are generic.

No amendments have been made at this time.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0462.

Respectfully submitted,

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